

## FRIDAY EVENTS *April 24, 2009*

### #1 Wildflowers at Selma Steele 9:00 a.m.

Join wildflower author Kay Yatskievych, DNR Nature Preserve Ecologist Tom Swinford, and T.C. Steele staff member Davie Kean for a wildflower trek through the Selma N. Steele State Nature Preserve. Participants may choose a 2 ½ to 3-hour walk on a RUGGED wildflower trail through a valley, or a MODERATE walk along the ridge. [Location A.](#) **Hike repeats at 1:00 p.m.**

### #2 Focus on Wildflowers 9:00 a.m.

Award-winning photographer Jeffrey Hammond and Jeff Riegel, BirdCountry.US Director, will lead an EASY 2-hour walk to photograph spring wildflowers. Bring your camera and plenty of film (or pixels) to capture images of spring beauties, woodland phlox, and much more. Limited to 25 people, so **pre-registration is required.** Call TC Steele SHS at (812) 988-2785 to register. Carpool from [Location A.](#)

### #3 Spring's Promise 1:00 p.m.

The soil smells fresh and the air is cool. Join DNR Interpretive Naturalist Jim Eagleman for a 2-hour RUGGED walk into Strahl Valley. Learn about its history and how past land practices have resulted in today's park flora. [Location F.](#)

### #4 Wildflowers at Selma Steele 1:00 p.m.

Got a late start to the day? If you missed Hike #1, here is a second chance. See Hike #1 description. [Location A.](#)

### #5 Waldrip Cabin Hike 3:30 p.m.

Join botanist Kirk Larson of Hoosier National Forest on a 2-hour MODERATE hike to historic Waldrip Cabin. This now-abandoned cabin was built in 1877, and is nestled among the ridgetops near Lake Monroe. [Location B.](#)

### #6 Relicts of the Ice Age Hike 3:30 p.m.

Step back in time with Sycamore Land Trust Environmental Educator Carroll Ritter and Cathy Meyer of Monroe County Parks & Rec, as you hike through oak forest to a stand of Eastern hemlocks: reminders of an ecosystem common thousands of years ago. Limited to 20, so **pre-registration is required.** Call TC Steele SHS at (812) 988-2785 to register. Participants will carpool to a TNC/SLT property for a 2-hour, MODERATE hike. [Location A.](#)

### #7 Timberdoodles & Goatsuckers 8:00 p.m.

Timberdoodles (woodcocks), goatsuckers (whippoorwills) and other night birds are the highlight of our outing. Participants will hike a short distance to enjoy the sights and sounds of the night. Bring a lawn chair and flashlight, and meet DNR Naturalist Jim Eagleman and Jeff Riegel, BirdCountry.US Director, at a local "night spot." Carpool from [Location A.](#)

### #8 Owls, Pals & S'mores 8:00 p.m.

Here's another outing: join DNR Naturalist Susan Douglas at the Friendship Circle campfire. Learn about owls, and meet a live owl from Return to the Wild's rehab program for injured birds. We will try to call in some wild owls to join the party. The evening will end with toasted marshmallows and s'mores. Yum! [Location C.](#)

## SATURDAY EVENTS *April 25, 2009*

### #9 Birds at T.C. Steele 7:00 a.m.

Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them! Retired IU biology professor Don Whitehead will lead a MODERATE, 2-hour walk in the forest near the Steele home. Expect to find migrating warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks and thrushes searching for food in the budding oaks. [Location A.](#)

### #10 Indiana's Oak Bottleneck 9:00 a.m.

The largest study of its kind in Indiana is the focus of this MODERATE 2-hour off-trail walk. Join BirdCountry.US Director Jeff Riegel, and see what is being done to determine the reactions of birds, bats, salamanders, snakes, insects and plants to different forest management practices. How can we maintain biodiversity and regenerate our oak-hickory forests? [Location A.](#)

### #11 Lake Monroe Backwaters 9:00 a.m.

Take a boat trip with DNR Wildlife Specialist Rex Watters and wildflower author Kay Yatskievych to see wildflowers and wildlife along the shore. Bring a life jacket if you have one, water and a sack lunch--the trip will last into the afternoon. Boats stop at several spots to explore, so wear boots and old clothes! Limit of 25, so **pre-registration is required.** Call TC Steele SHS at (812) 988-2785 to reserve your seat. Note: boats are small, and you MUST be nimble enough to climb in and out. [Location E.](#)

### #12 Weird Ravine Wander 10:00 a.m.

Ever see a rock in a tree? A BIG rock in a TALL tree? How did it get there? All explanations will be considered, however weird. Now is your chance to see this strange phenomenon for yourself, along with flowering dogwoods, redbuds, oaks, maples and many more. Join DNR Interpretive Naturalist Jim Eagleman for a RUGGED, 2-hour hike. [Location H.](#)

### #13 T.C. Steele Art Trek 10:00 a.m.

Take to the woods with TC Steele staff member/artist Amber Zaragoza and natural science illustrator Gillian Harris, to enjoy and capture the beauty that inspired artist T.C. Steele 100 years ago. Bring a sketchbook and your choice of drawing media for a 2-hour sketching walk on a MODERATE, established trail. [Location A.](#)

### #14 Wildflowers at Griffy Lake 1:00 p.m.

Beauty abounds at Griffy Lake Nature Preserve! The City of Bloomington Parks & Recreation invites wildflower friends and

fans to take a peek at the park's host of short-lived, stunning springtime blooms. Park Program Specialist Kriste Lindberg will be your guide for this EASY, 1 ½-hour walk. [Location M.](#)

### #15 "Crick" Walk 1:00 p.m.

Join "Moment of Science" radio personality Don Glass and DNR Naturalist Susan Douglas for this EASY, 1 ½-hour walk beside one of the finger streams of the Schooner Valley watershed. We'll identify wildflowers that grow in and around many of our creeks and valleys. Meet at [Location I.](#)

### #16 Treasure at Griffy Lake Woods 1:00 p.m.

Discover a diversity of wildflowers in the forest near the Griffy Lake dam, where Preserve Director Keith Clay and IU Herbarium Administrator Eric Knox will lead a 1 ½-hour, EASY walk. Limited to 25. **Pre-registration by e-mail is required**, so contact Dr. Clay at [preserve@indiana.edu](mailto:preserve@indiana.edu). [Location J.](#)

### #17 Wild Hyacinth Hike 3:30 p.m.

Botanist Kirk Larson and Forester Teena Ligman of Hoosier National Forest will lead small groups on a MODERATE, 2-hour hike along a unique limestone ridge in the Charles C. Deam Wilderness Area where wild hyacinths are common. Limited to 18, so **pre-registration is required.** Call HNF at (812) 275-5987 to register. Participants meet at [Location B](#) to carpool.

### #18 Oak Woods & Wildflowers 3:30 p.m.

Explore the Reeves Tract, the newest addition to Hitz-Rhodehamel Nature Preserve, with The Nature Conservancy's Indiana Director of Stewardship Ellen Jacquart and Brown County Hills Project Director Dan Shaver. As you identify trees and wildflowers on this RUGGED, 1 ½-hour hike, enjoy a prime example of oak woodland restoration with a long history of forest management (Charles Deam surveyed the tract in 1923). Carpool from [Location G.](#)

### #19 If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em! 6:00 p.m.

Join your fellow Foray aficionados for conversation and an unusual dining experience: a dinner featuring garlic mustard lasagna and other delectable dishes made with invasive plant ingredients (don't worry, there will be less exotic food, too). **Reservations are required. Cost is \$8.00 per person, payable to Friends of T.C. Steele.** Reserve your spot by calling (812) 988-2785, or email [tcsteele@bloomington.in.us](mailto:tcsteele@bloomington.in.us) before April 23. [Location K.](#)

### #20 Foray Review & "Wicked Weeds and Infamous Aliens" 7:30 pm

Compare notes as wildflower author Kay Yatskievych summarizes the wildflower count. Finish the evening with a silent auction and a program by Glenn Nice of Purdue Extension Service. Mr. Nice will outline the impact of invasive plants on

society and the environment, touch on the latest ecological theories, and introduce some bad boys of the weed world. Dessert and beverages provided, no reservations needed. [Location K.](#)

## SUNDAY EVENTS *April 26, 2009*

### #21 Wildflower Yoga 9:00 a.m.

Salute the sun as a wildflower would: surrounded by the natural beauty of the outdoors. Join yoga instructor Lee Edgren and DNR Naturalist Brittany Davis for a 1-hour session appropriate for beginners, with a new twist on traditional yoga poses. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat or blanket. [Location A.](#)

### #22 Conservation Crafts 10:00 a.m.

All hiked out? All ages will enjoy crafts with TC Steele staff member/artist Amber Zaragoza. Combine recycled objects with natural materials to create new treasures. Ends at 1:00 p.m., join us for all or part. \$2 fee for materials. [Location A.](#)

### #23 Pate Hollow Trail 10:00 a.m.

Explore Hoosier National Forest's 7 ½-mile, MODERATE TO RUGGED Pate Hollow Trail with Cathy Meyer of Monroe County Parks & Rec and TC Steele staff member Davie Kean. Bring lunch and water, and enjoy 4 hours looking for wildflowers near Lake Monroe. [Location B.](#)

### #24 Fire in the Valley 2:00 p.m.

Meet Resource Specialist Dave Vadas of Yellowwood / Morgan-Monroe State Forests to explore a valley abundant with fire pinks--and perhaps get a glimpse of the elusive green dragon. Carpool from [Location D](#) for a MODERATE, 2-hour walk.

### #25 Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve 2:00 p.m.

Clinical nutritionist Pamela Alboher-Ray and DNR Naturalist Susan Douglas will lead a RUGGED, 2 1/2-hour walk to identify wildflowers, trees and invasive plants, and to discuss their edible and medicinal qualities. Along the way, we'll discuss the history and geology of the area, and throw in a story or two. [Location K.](#)

### #26 "Just for Kids" Photography Workshop 2:00 p.m.

Kids, bring your cameras and join Sycamore Land Trust Environmental Educator Carroll Ritter and SLT volunteer Martha Fox for a 2-hour nature photography workshop just for you. Learn special tips and tricks for wildflower close-ups, and visit a stream and pond in the woods nearby. Limited to 15, **pre-registration is required.** Call TC Steele SHS at (812) 988-2785 to reserve your spot. [Location L.](#)